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HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS

IN CHARGE OF
LINDA RICHARDS



"You do solemnly swear, each by whatever she holds most sacred:

"That you will be loyal to the physicians under whom you serve, as a good soldier is loyal to his officers.

"That you will be just and generous to all worthy members of your profession, aiding them when it will be in your power to do so.

"That you will live your lives and lead your profession in uprightness and honor.

"That into whatsoever house you shall enter in it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of your power, and that you will hold yourselves aloof from all temptation.

"That whatsoever you shall see or hear of the lives of men and women, whether they be your patients or members of their households, you will keep inviolably secret, whether you are in other households, or among your own friends."

To this oath did fifty-two young-women graduates of the New York School for Trained Nurses bow in acquiescence on the occasion of the annual commencement exercises of the school, held in the chapel of the City Hospital on Blackwell's Island, and there was a buzz of favorable comment from the physicians and others who were present, for the oath, which was administered by Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, who is chairman of the Advisory Board of the school and presented the diplomas, came as a surprise to all.

"As you all know, doubtless," began Mrs. Jones, "a physician who graduates from a reputable medical school takes upon his graduation what is known as the 'oath of Hippocrates.' I will ask you to listen to a version of the Hippocratic oath, modified to suit your profession, and when you have heard it, to accept its obligations and to observe them faithfully."

Mrs. Jones then recited the oath, saying in conclusion:

"If you accept these obligations, let each one bow the head in sign of acquiescence. And now, if you shall be true to your word, may prosperity and good repute be ever yours; the opposite if you shall prove yourselves forsworn."

At the appropriate period in Mrs. Jones's address each member of the graduating class, which numbered thirty-eight young women from

the regular course and fourteen from the post-graduate course, lowered her head as directed.

The class was divided into two sections, and the leaders of these in meritorious work in the Training-School received their diplomas last. They were Miss Margaret M. Abbot and Miss M. Matilda Wescoat.

Dr. Edward S. Peck, chairman of the Board of Examiners, acted as presiding officer, and Charities Commissioner John W. Keller delivered the commencement address. Dr. Edward S. Fisher, visiting physician of the City Hospital; the Rev. George T. Purves, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. M. J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, delivered short supplementary addresses, and Superintendent Mary S. Gilmour, of the Training-School, read the annual report. A reception followed the exercises.

IN a manner that was a credit to themselves and highly satisfactory to their friends the Class of 1901 of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-School was graduated Wednesday, May 29.

The exercises were held in the large assembly-room of the school, which was crowded with friends of the nurses, and the many floral souvenirs presented to the class constituted a very beautiful and effective decoration.

The graduates, twelve in number, composed the twentieth class that has been graduated from the Training-School, and compared favorably with those of former years.

The president of the Board of Trustees of the hospital, Mr. John E. Leech, was the chairman of the meeting, and Mrs. Thomas R. French and Mrs. Frederick P. Bellamy, president and vice-president respectively of the Woman's Auxiliary, presented the diplomas and badges to the graduates.

The programme was opened by prayer by the Rev. Dr. Goodenough. Then followed the Class Song.

The words were written by Miss Elizabeth Lovena Hatfield and the music by Mrs. Grace Beardsley Mott. This is the first time in the history of the Training-School that a Class Song has been adopted by any graduating class.

This one selection constituted the musical part of the programme.

The Hippocratic oath was then administered to the graduates by Miss M. I. Merritt, superintendent of the Training-School.

In accordance with the usual custom, a prize was awarded by the auxiliary to the nurse having the highest general record during her term in the school.

Miss Elizabeth Lovena Hatfield was the winner of this prize, a set of

hypodermic instruments. James McKeen, former president of the Hamilton Club, then delivered the address to the class.

On the conclusion of the exercises a reception was held by the graduates.

“ CLASS SONG—1901

“ Classmates, pause, review our school-days,
Marked alike with joy and care,
Memory holds each sacred token,
Victory and defeat we share.

“ Step by step we’ve marched together,
Reached the goal we each have sought,
And to-day we meet, the hour
Both with pain and pleasure fraught.

“ Books are closed, our tasks are ended,
School-days o’er—nay, just begun.
Life’s work meets us at the threshold,
Speaks its duties one by one.

“ Let us then go on rejoicing
In the great work we’ve begun,
Until victory crowns our efforts,
And we hear the words, ‘ Well done.’ ”

—ELIZABETH LOVENA HATFIELD.

THE Isabella Graham Hart Memorial Home was a blaze of light and festivity Thursday evening, June 23, upon the graduation of the Class of 1901 of the Nurses’ Training-School of the Rochester City Hospital. The class included the Misses Alice Lucille Wheaton, Maude Eunice Bayley, Jessie Morrison Waltre, Lilian Mabel Moore, Flora May Stevens, Mary Isabella Malloch, Lena Maud Bell, Margaret Jean Cameron, Mary Watt, Louisa Odans, Jessie Scarth Flett, Wilhelmina Williams, Mary Typhena Phelan.

In the absence of Mr. Henry G. Danforth, president of the Board of Directors, Mr. Charles P. Ford presided.

All the rooms on the ground floor had to be robbed of their chairs to accommodate the number of guests assembled in the large hall.

President Rush Rhees, of the Rochester University, opened the exercises with a prayer, which in itself should be a stimulus to the graduates in their future work.

Mrs. Henry Gold Danforth, in her usual happy way, then made the address of the evening.

Mrs. Margaret W. Giles added greatly to the pleasure of the evening with the song, “ Spring Had Come.”

The exercises closed with the benediction, pronounced by President Rush Rhees.

The supper-table, in charge of Mrs. Richard D. Harlan, was set in the hall beneath the beautiful memorial window. Masses of white lilacs, shining silver, and tempting dainties made this a most attractive corner. The whole home was a perfect bower of flowers.

This class of thirteen, the last to graduate under Miss Palmer and Miss Smart, is one of which they may well be proud, and wherever each one may go will always be a lasting tribute to their efforts.

WESLEY HOSPITAL has been completed, and was informally opened June 17. For more than two years the members of the Chicago Methodist Preachers' Association have been trying to raise the money to build this hospital, the only one of its kind in Chicago.

The hospital, which stands on the lot at Twenty-fifth and Dearborn Streets, is adjacent to and connected with the Northwestern University Medical School, and was erected at a cost of two hundred and ten thousand dollars. It is the plan of the hospital and medical school to work in conjunction, and cases from the hospital will be taken to the school, where the professors can demonstrate before their classes. It is largely through the efforts of Dr. R. D. Sheppard, of Northwestern University, that the Methodists have at last secured the hospital, which they have wanted for a number of years. Work on the building was commenced two years ago, but through lack of money and labor difficulties many delays were caused. The first patients will be received in the new hospital about the first of July.

THE exercises connected with the graduation of the eleventh class of pupil nurses from the Training-School of the Hospital of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia took place in the chapel at the hospital on June 25 at eight p.m.

Nineteen nurses were graduated: Misses Emily Allen, Charlotte M. Bietsch, Otilie E. Dottir, Sara M. Dunsmore, Mary Humphrey, Laura D. Howard, Mabel A. Harrison, Blanche Knox, Barbara McLennan, Mary Morris, S. Maude Mutchler, Minnie A. Morgan, Margaret Nichols, Carrie M. Otto, Elizabeth C. Pfeiffer, Gertrude Rorke, Ida Z. Thompson, Lenora C. Williams, and Clara Wahl.

The bishop of the diocese presided. Order of exercises: Hymn; superintendent of hospital presented the graduating class to the bishop; bishop's response; responsive reading; prayer; Magnificat; St. Luke i. 46; presentation of diplomas; hymn; prayer for nurses.

THE new operating-rooms and adjoining anæsthetic- and wash-rooms at St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Joseph, Missouri, are now completed, and the first operation was performed there a few days ago by Dr. T. E. Potter. All in all, there are five rooms, which are connected by doors and hall-ways. The flooring in all is of tile, inlaid with ornamental figures on a white ground.

The large aseptic operating-room is very convenient, and both day and artificial light is as good as could be desired. In the centre of the ceiling there is a large skylight, and the windows on the east nearly take in the entire wall. The north and south light also is good. The big operating-table is provided with a glass top, and the dressing-tables are also covered with glass. The walls of the room are wainscoted with white and blue marble, and the general tone of the interior is a combination of light colors.

THE contract for the erection of the proposed Charlotte Williams Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, has been let. When completed it will be the largest institution of its kind in the South, with the exception of the Charity Hospital of New Orleans. The hospital will be thoroughly modern and up to date in every way. The furnishings and appliances will be of the latest design and of the most improved character. It is the intention of those interested to have the institution the most thoroughly equipped hospital in the South, to rank with any of the hospitals in the country.

The work on the construction of the new buildings, as has been stated, will be at once begun. The contract calls for its completion within a year and fifteen days.

THE nurses on duty in the Emergency Hospital at the Pan-American Exposition for the month of July were as follows:

Miss Jennie A. Warner, Garfield Memorial Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia.

Miss Mae McCulloch, Lansing Hospital, Lansing, Michigan.

Miss Harriet M. Carey, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, New York.

Miss Maude Trueman, Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, Ontario.

Miss Florence Dodds, Lexington Heights Hospital, Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Eunice W. Hughes, University of Maryland Hospital.

AN emergency hospital, its doors open day and night, with an automobile ambulance in constant attendance, will throw its portals open to the Los Angeles public before another winter season opens.

The Emergency Hospital Association was incorporated two weeks ago under the laws of California. It is hoped by the time the hospital is in readiness to receive patients that one hundred beds will have been endowed by the public.

The building will be of red re-pressed brick, with white terra-cotta trimmings, three stories in height and with the basement raised four feet above the sidewalk. It will be modern in structure and appointment and designed to accommodate three hundred and fifty patients.

THE commencement exercises of the graduating class of 1901 at Faxon Hospital, Utica, New York, were held in June at the institution. There were five members of the graduating class, Ivy Leontine Fairchild, Sara Ann Woglum, Florence Edith Peckham, Bessie Morgan Bowen, and Carolyn Palmer Tillotson. The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. E. H. Coley, followed by a bass solo by Harry Rowley. Rev. H. H. Tweedy then delivered the address to the graduating class. After the presentation of the diplomas the exercises closed with a duet finely rendered by Miss Dean and Mr. Rowley. The friends of the graduates then extended hearty congratulations and good wishes and an informal reception was held.

DIRECTOR OF CHARITIES COOLEY, Cleveland, Ohio, is preparing to have a special hospital for consumptives constructed on the City Infirmary grounds. For a long time the city has had set aside one ward in the City Hospital for this class of patients, but it does not now begin to accommodate those suffering from tuberculosis. The result is that they are scattered among the sick suffering from non-contagious diseases, thereby endangering the lives of many.

Director Cooley's plan is to have a separate building put up so that consumptives will not mingle with other patients at all. There is plenty of room on the grounds. He will have an architect draw up plans in a few days.

MISS ALICE A. GRISWOLD, who for the past nine years has been the very efficient superintendent of the Training-School connected with the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, has resigned her position and will leave the school September 1. Miss Griswold will be very much missed by both the hospital and Training-School, and her place will not be easily filled. The excellent standing of the school is due very largely to her conscientious, intelligent, and thorough work.

THE next meeting of the Association of Hospital Superintendents will be held in New York City on September 10, 11, and 12, with headquarters at the Murray Hill Hotel, on Park Avenue, from Fortieth to Forty-first Streets. There will be but one session a day, lasting from nine o'clock A.M. until one P.M., giving delegates an opportunity to inspect the magnificent hospitals of the great metropolis, as well as to visit the various sources of hospital supplies, of which New York is the greatest depot in this country, if not in the world.

THREE of the class in Hospital Economics who graduated this spring have already secured institution positions: Mrs. Mary V. Sullivan is to take charge of the preliminary course at the Johns Hopkins Hospital; Miss Annie R. Young assumed the duties of superintendent of the Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, New Jersey, on July 1; Miss Ida R. Palmer is to teach the diet classes at the Albany Hospital, her engagement commencing October 1.

THE Lafayette Home Hospital Training-School, Lafayette, Indiana, graduated its first class of nurses June 12. The exercises were held upon the lawn in front of the hospital. The principal address was delivered by Dr. F. B. Thompson. At present the school numbers six pupils. In the autumn the number will be increased to ten. The Kile Memorial is rapidly nearing completion, and when it is finished the present hospital building will be utilized as a Nurses' Home.

THE graduating exercises of the Toledo Training-School, Toledo, Ohio, were held on the evening of June 4. The graduates were: Mrs. Minnie Williams, Mrs. Cecelia Brown, Miss Florence Horden, Miss Cora Needham, Miss Carrie Reed, Miss Eunice Hoffman, Miss Ira B. De Witt, Miss Jeannette Campbell, Miss Mabel Rood, Miss Catherine Morgan, Miss Charlotte Duncan, and Miss Carrie F. Penfield. An interesting programme was given.

MAY 30 was set apart as donation day at the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia. The graduation exercises of the Training-School took place on the same day. Seven nurses were graduated, and the Matilda Kaufman gold medal was given to Miss Nellie S. French for the highest honors.

During the past year the Lucian Maas Home for Incurables has been completed.

MISS IDA V. SHEPARD, a graduate of the Boston City Hospital Training-School, Boston, Massachusetts, has taken charge of the Mary

Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire. She fills the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Theresa G. Leach, who had been superintendent of the hospital since it was opened some nine years since.

THE Lutheran Hospital Association, composed of all the Lutheran churches of the synods of neighboring States, has decided to establish a training-school for nurses in this city in connection with the magnificent hospital now being constructed by them at La Crosse, Wisconsin. The hospital is to be completed in a few months.

MISS L. L. DROWN, superintendent of the Boston City Hospital Training-School, Boston, Massachusetts, has returned from a vacation of more than three months. Miss Drown visited Southern California and many places of interest en route, and it is to be hoped that the change and rest will prove beneficial to her.

MISS MARY GRACE HILLS, superintendent of the Training-School and matron of the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, Maine, has resigned her position, her resignation to take effect August 31. Miss Hills has been in her present position four years, and leaves to take up district work in Boston, Massachusetts.

WORK has been commenced on the Nurses' Home at the Taunton Insane Hospital, Taunton, Massachusetts. The building is to be of brick, three stories high, one hundred and seventeen feet long by thirty-eight wide. When completed it will have all modern improvements and will accommodate fifty nurses.

FIRE in the General Military Hospital at the Presidio, San Francisco, California, destroyed three wards, the kitchen, dining-room, and medical-supply room.

None of the patients was injured. The loss is estimated at twenty-five thousand dollars.

PLANS are being drawn for the large Nurses' Home to be built for the Chester Hospital at Chester, Pennsylvania. It will be a complete building with every possible interior appointment in that line. Estimates will be requested in about two weeks, and local builders will bid.

THE graduating exercises of the Northwestern Hospital Training-School for Nurses, Minneapolis, Minnesota, took place Thursday afternoon, June 20. Six young women graduated. At the close of the exercises an informal reception was given the nurses and their friends.

MISS AGNES P. MAHONY, superintendent of nurses of the Metropolitan Training-School on Blackwell's Island, New York, has resigned her position and is to take up missionary work in Western Africa, where she hopes to establish a training-school among the Liberians.

THE first annual commencement of the Training-School for Nurses in connection with the Allentown Hospital, Allentown, Pennsylvania, took place in the Lyric Theatre. Three nurses graduated. Dr. E. P. Davis, of Philadelphia, delivered the address.

THE fifth annual commencement exercises of the Training-School for Nurses of the County Hospital, Los Angeles, California, took place June 20, at eight P.M. Eight nurses graduated. The exercises consisted of addresses and music.

UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, is to have a new hospital. The citizens of Uniontown must provide the site, and the Legislature has provided money to build the hospital and provide for its maintenance for two years.

THE corner-stone of the new Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan, was laid June 10. The ceremonies were in charge of Very Rev. Father O'Brien, of St. Augustine's Church, Kalamazoo.

THE Presbyterian Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, is nearly ready for occupancy. It will be dedicated early in July. An order has already been placed for a part of the furniture.

MISS ELIZABETH L. PARKER has resigned her position as superintendent of the Lansing Hospital to accept the position of matron in the Michigan School for the Blind.

THE County Hospital at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, is to have a new addition which will cost eighty thousand dollars. The work upon it is to be commenced at once.

THE first class to be graduated from the Lakeside Hospital School for Nurses in Cleveland held the first meeting of their alumnae June 1.

ST. VINCENT Hospital, Norfolk, Virginia, has been completed and was opened April 20 with very appropriate exercises.

GROUND has been broken for the new addition to the St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

WORK was commenced May 22 on the new City Hospital, Sherman, Texas.